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# PET CARE



## Creating an Emergency Plan

Ask friends, relatives and other pet owners outside of your area if they would be willing to provide shelter for your pets in the event of an emergency evacuation. Check with motels and hotels on their pet policies. Inquire as to whether any restrictions would be waived in the event of an emergency. Animal shelters may be full caring for animals they already have and may not be able to assist you during a disaster. Prepare a list of places with phone numbers on where your pets could go. Keep this information with your disaster kit. In the event of an evacuation, do not wait until the last minute to leave. Leave early to ensure your pets will be taken in.



Regional Animal Services of  King County

### Pet Adoption Center

206-296-PETS (7387)

Toll Free:

800-325-6165

21615 64th Avenue South

Kent, WA 98032

[pets@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pets@kingcounty.gov)

[www.kingcounty.gov/pets](http://www.kingcounty.gov/pets)

### Center Hours

Mon: 3 - 6 p.m.



Tues - Fri: noon - 6 p.m.

Sat - Sun: noon - 5 p.m.

 [www.twitter.com/kcpets](https://twitter.com/kcpets)

 [www.facebook.com/KCPetsRegionalAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/KCPetsRegionalAnimalShelter)



Regional Animal Services of King County provides animal sheltering and field services to contracting cities within King County, and the unincorporated areas.  
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### Pet Licensing

206-296-2712

500 Fourth Avenue, Room 403

Seattle, WA 98104-2395

Licensing your pet is easy and an inexpensive insurance policy for your pet's safety and protection. Pet licensing is also required by law. Currently there are over 125 licensing locations. Call or visit [www.kingcounty.gov/pets](http://www.kingcounty.gov/pets) for one near you or simply click on the Quick Link to license online.

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## When There is a Threat of Disaster Don't Waste Time

Locate and confine your pets. Bring pets inside away from windows; consider easy to clean areas such as bathrooms, kitchen, or a utility room.

Have your portable disaster kit in an accessible location and ready to go.

Check your pets' collars to ensure they are securely attached and have pet licenses on. Additional identification tags are also helpful. Out of state family contacts can be helpful.

Call to confirm your preset emergency shelter arrangements. Use an indelible ink pen and strong adhesive tape to add the phone number and address of your temporary shelter location to your pets' collars.

If you are not home when the evacuation order is given, contact your prearranged buddy to take your pets and their disaster kits to a designated location.

License and identify your pet by keeping a collar and current license on your pet at all times. To obtain a license, call 206-296-2712 or online at [www.kingcounty.gov/pets](http://www.kingcounty.gov/pets).

## How Will My Pet Act During a Disaster?

Be sure to give your pet lots of comfort. They will be frightened and confused. If your pet does not want to be comforted do not force yourself on them; wait until they come to you.

Your pet will show signs of stress during a disaster which may include loss of appetite, aggressiveness, nervousness, trying to hide, jumpy reaction to noises, diarrhea and changes to their sleeping patterns. If these signs last for more than a couple of days consult your veterinarian.

## What Type of Disasters?

**Fire:** Fires are the most likely disasters that families will experience. Wild land fires in the Pacific Northwest burn thousands of acres on average each year.

**Floods:** The most common of all natural disasters. Just 6 inches of swiftly moving water can knock people off their feet and carry animals away. Flash floods can occur with little to no warning. Find out if you live in a flood prone area. Call your City or County for helpful information.

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**Earthquakes:** Western Washington can experience earthquakes that often trigger a multitude of other natural disasters.

**Winter Storms and Power Outages:** Heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures can immobilize the area. As a result, deliveries cannot be made to local markets causing shortages of food and water supplies. When power outages strike many lose their source of heat and water as well.

## Disaster Kit

Disaster kits include food, food and water bowls, jug of water, leash, pet carrier, first aid kit, pet medicine (make sure it's current), blanket and toy. Place your supplies in a plastic container marked Disaster Supplies.

